

Rotary Club Of Valsad's

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Jennifer Jones
(RI President)

Rtn. Swati Shah
(President)

Rtn. Shrikant Indani
(Dist. Governor)

Rotary



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Rtn. Nirali Gajjar
(Hon. Secretary)

RIP Jennifer E. Jones

Jennifer E. Jones a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, is the first women President of Rotary International for the year 2022-23. In its history of 117 years Rotary International now has Jennifer Jones as its first Lady President.

She grew up in Windsor, Ontario and has lived there most of her life. Jennifer's introduction to community service was through Girl Scouts. She joined Rotary in 1997. Jones has served as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, & district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee. As the first woman to become RI president Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement. Jones was quoted as saying, "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership, I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

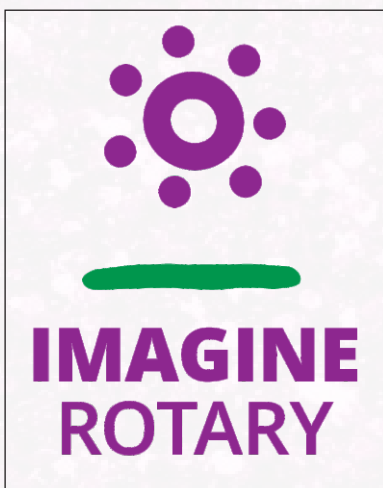


Jennifer is a leader in cultivating "experiential fundraising" opportunities such as Rotary's Polio Golf Day with Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, USA, which raised over \$5.25 million for polio eradication in one day. or, the innovative, virtual COVID-19 Rotary Responds event that raised money for COVID-19 relief projects and showcased Rotary's response across the globe. Working alongside political figures, celebrities and global leaders, she uses her voice to raise awareness & hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate disease, support peace and provide clean water and sanitation in developing areas of the world. Her skill as an expert storyteller inspires hope and promise and motivates people to take action.

Jennifer is the Founder and President of Media Street Productions Inc., a 25-year-old, award-winning media company. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.). Jennifer is married to Rotarian Nick Krayacich, a local family physician. They share a love for many activities including travel, cycling, golf and relaxing at their family cottage; and they share a thirst for adventure, which has included cresting the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa.

Jennifer has received many honors and recognitions including Rotary's Service above Self Award & the Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award – a first for a Canadian.

Rotary Theme



"Imagine Rotary" is the 2022-23 presidential theme, that RI President Jennifer E. Jones revealed on 20th January. She is asking Rotary members to dream big and take action: "We all have dreams, but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

There is, of course, a deeper meaning behind each element of the design. The circle in aboriginal culture for instance, signifies our connections to one another. The dots around it represent people and there are seven because of Rotary's areas of focus. The circle and the dots together become a navigation star – our guiding light. The solid line underneath is what is referred to as a digging stick and it is used when doing hard work. And since Rotary members are people of action it represents a tool for getting things done.

The colors green, purple, and white are not necessarily connected to aboriginal culture. President Jennifer Jones asked the new crew of Governors to use one, two, or all three when dressing for official events instead of using a theme jacket. "As we celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion, I wanted all of us to be able to express ourselves differently in what we wear, but still have connection,"

The logo for the theme was designed by Riki Salam, an Australian artist.

About Dr. Bharat S. Pandya *(Installing Officer)*

Bharat Pandya is a practicing general and laparoscopic surgeon. He and his wife, Madhavi, a gynecologist, own a private hospital in Mumbai. He is a fellow of the International College of Surgeons and has served on the board of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan vocational training institute, sponsored by the Indian government.

Pandya joined Rotary in 1989 as a charter member of his club. During his year as governor of District 3140, his district contributed over \$2 million to The Rotary Foundation, making it the top contributor worldwide for 2006-07. He has led numerous projects, including water and sanitation projects funded by Foundation grants that installed check dams so that villagers no longer needed to walk up to four miles per day to collect water.

Pandya has served Rotary, as Director, RI Treasurer, regional RI membership coordinator, training leader, and member of Rotary's Membership, Strategic Planning, Leadership Development and Convention Promotion committees and on the India PolioPlus Committee.

He has received the Service Above Self Award, the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, & the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He and Madhavi are Level 2 Major Donors to the Foundation.



Message from AG Siddharth Mehta

Let me first say thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me this opportunity to serve you!!! I often pinch myself, what an amazing blessing I feel has been given to me and I promise I will work hard as Assistant Governor of Prestigious Rotary Club Valsad.

Congratulations to Rtn. Swati Shah for becoming the 1st Lady President of the Club and Rtn. Nirali Gajjar as the Hon. Secretary.

Imagine Rotary!!! WoW imagine the potential, the opportunities we have working together this year!! Imagine what we can do with Membership, the Foundation, imagine increasing awareness of Rotary, to share our story. Imagine being willing to try new things, My Focus Goals are: Develop increased support for the "Seven Areas of Focus" and the Foundation. Accelerate growth and diversity, Strengthen and Support Clubs Heighten our Public Image in the society. All the best for a wonderful and happening Rotary year!



About Rtn. Swati Shah *(President)*

Swati was born on 3rd May in the family of Shri Satya Ranjan & Sudha Verma.

Swati did her schooling from St Mary's Convent, Nainital and Marshalls School, Dehradun. She pursued her graduation BSc in Chemistry from Ramnarain Ruia College, Mumbai and did her master's in marketing management from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.

She has worked with Max Touch and Blow Plast Ltd., in Mumbai before joining her in-laws' business. She is married to Anish Shah, a Chemical Engineer & MBA.

Swati & Anish are blessed with two boys Medhansh who is studying in Standard Xth and Ayansh studying in Standard Vth in Atul Vidyalaya.

Swati is a Past President of Inner Wheel Club of Bulsar and she joined Rotary in the year 2016. She has been at various Club Positions, and she was the Club Secretary in the year 2021-22.

Her passion includes working with the underprivileged Children, and she was a volunteer for teaching at the Atul Vocational Institute, Dharampur. She is fond of Music and loves Nature. The Rotary Foundation is very close to her heart. Swati & Anish are members of Arch Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation.



Her message..

"I feel privileged to be the First Lady President of our esteemed Club that has a history of 65 long years! I would try my level best to live up to the expectations and high standards of being a Club President in Rotary! Our Team is a fantastic team where each one giving his/her best. In this year we will try to touch upon & work on Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus! Education being of utmost importance we would work for Back to School Project, Making Happy Schools, Meaningful Teachers Training's. Environment being another important focus we would do Tree Plantation every month, City Clean Drives & Promote Cloth bags to minimise the use of Plastic. Women Empowerment will be given special attention to make them independent. There are many ideas to be implemented with the help of you all! Membership being in or friend to Rotary. We will focus equally on Foundation and try to get CSR funds as much we can. **Let's work together & Imagine Rotary for a Bright Future**" - Swati.

ROTARY CLUB OF VALSAD
Team for the Year 2022-23

President	SWATI SHAH
Vice President	Dr SHAILAJA MUFTI
Immediate Past President	DIPESH SHAH
President Elect	MANISH BHARUCHA
Hon. Secretary	NIRALI GAJJAR
Jt. Secretary	SANOBER SHROFF
Treasurer	CHIRAG DESAI
Sergent At Arms	JINAL MEHTA

	CHAIR	COUNSELLOR
Club Administration	Dr DHARA ASHRA	PARESH SADRANI
Service Project	MANOJ JAIN	SHANTUBHAI VASAVA
The Rotary Foundation	KASHMIRA VASANI	Dr MEHUL SOLANKY
Public Image	AMAR PAREKH	HITESH PATEL
Membership	AMISH SHAH	JIGNESH VASANI
Literacy	PREMAL SHAH	DR SUNIL MARJADI
New Generations	TARANG SHAH	BHAVIN SHAH
Gram Kalyan Project	SUNEETA BANNERJEE	RAJESH PATEL
Avoidable Blindness	JAPAN SHAH	BHARAT BHANUSHALI

Club Trainer PDG ANISH SHAH

Advisors PDG DR NILAX MUFTI
PDG ANISH SHAH



About the Installation Ceremony

The ceremonial change of leadership in the Rotary Club of Valsad was organised in a spectacular event executed to perfection by the Club team on **July 8th 2022** at the Regal banquet hall, Abrama Valsad. IPP Rtn. Dipesh Shah exchanged the Pin of President giving it to President Swati Shah. **The chief guest for the evening was the TRF Trustee and the PRID Dr. Bharat Pandya** who also inducted the new board of directors for 2022 -23. Several eminent officials of rotary district 3060 and several other guests graced the occasion.

In his inimitable style Dr. Bharat Pandya shared the fun and facts, and complimented the club for its performance in every aspect. Lauding all the preparations done so far he was sure that the club will wholeheartedly participate in all the district thrust areas and areas of emphasis. He expressed confidence that with enthusiastic & committed leadership of Rotarian Swati Shah the club will achieve great heights. The new President of Rotary Club of Valsad Rotarian Swati Shah in her passionate acceptance address unveiled the plan of RCV for 2022-23. With laser-like focus, she shed light on the special focus areas for this year. She exhorted the members of the club to contribute to the projects with determination and compassion as always.

A special announcement of committing to donate \$50,000 to the Rotary Foundation in RIY 2022-23 was also done!









Empowering Women in the 65th Year of Rotary Club Of Valsad



Lady Secretary



Lady President

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